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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement with Microsoft is in the best interests of the public and the economy. It is both fair and reasonable, and it will prevent future anticompetitive behavior. This case has dragged on for far too long and now is the time to end it.

This settlement has placed many restrictions on Microsoft. For example, Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products - a first in an antitrust settlement. Also, Microsoft has agreed not to enter into agreements with any third party to promote any Windows technology exclusively. Plus, Microsoft has agreed to a "Technical Committee" that will monitor the company's compliance with the settlement.

A quick return to business as usual should be the focus for all parties involved in this case, not a return to the courtroom. State and Federal budgets have already been spending millions of dollars on this case unnecessarily. Let's end this litigation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Bothe", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Fred Bothe